

House Bill 1188

By: Representatives Cheokas of the 134th, Hanner of the 148th, Coleman of the 144th, Crawford of the 127th, Floyd of the 147th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state
2 holidays and observations, so as to establish Jimmy Carter Day in Georgia; to state legislative
3 findings; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 **SECTION 1.**

6 Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state holidays and
7 observations, is amended by adding at its end a new Code section to read as follows:

8 "1-4-16.

9 (a) The General Assembly and the people of the State of Georgia wish to honor the public
10 service and accomplishments of our most accomplished native son, former President Jimmy
11 Carter (James Earl Carter, Jr.) for his many accomplishments and especially for his many
12 contributions to the citizens of this state, our country, and the world, including the
13 following:

14 (1) President Jimmy Carter was born October 1, 1924, in Plains, Georgia; was educated
15 in the public schools of Plains; attended Georgia Southwestern College and the Georgia
16 Institute of Technology, and received a bachelor of science degree from the United States
17 Naval Academy in 1946; and went on to serve with honor and distinction as an officer
18 in the United States Navy;

19 (2) President Carter had a long and exemplary career of public service, including service
20 in the Georgia State Senate and as Georgia's 76th Governor before being elected to the
21 presidency and serving as President of the United States from January 20, 1977, to
22 January 20, 1981; and

23 (3) President Carter during his presidency achieved many important goals in international
24 diplomacy, the advancement of human rights, environmental protection, educational
25 improvement, and other areas; and

1 (4) The Norwegian Nobel Committee awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for 2002 to former
2 President Carter for his decades of untiring effort to find peaceful solutions to
3 international conflicts, to advance democracy and human rights, and to promote economic
4 and social development;

5 (5) Working hand-in-hand with his beloved wife, Rosalynn Smith Carter, President
6 Carter has accomplished a tremendous amount of good work throughout the world
7 through the Carter Center, including facilitating the spread of democracy by ensuring fair
8 elections and improving world health through the eradication of deadly and disabling
9 parasites; and

10 (6) Since his service as President of the United States, President Carter has been a
11 universally respected senior statesman, and he has exhibited the level of political activism
12 and unselfish leadership ideally expected, but not always found, in public trustees; and
13 his public stewardship has been marked by unmatched dignity, grace, and wisdom.

14 (b) October 1 of each year is designated 'Jimmy Carter Day' in Georgia."

15 **SECTION 2.**

16 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.